

Overview of Changes from 2011-2012 to 2012-2013

VOLUME I SECTION 2

This section provides an overview of the changes made from 2011-2012 to 2012-2013 for Common Origination and Disbursement (COD). The changes made for the 2012-2013 Award year will be implemented in the COD System beginning February 2012.

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Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) Changes

Changes from 2011-2012 to 2012-2013

The change descriptions are organized by the following three categories: Added, Modified, and Removed. The first column provides a description of each change. The remaining columns indicate which programs the change will affect.

Additions to Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
Edits	✓			✓	✓
Enrollment School Code	✓			✓	✓
Graduate Student Eligibility Override				✓	
Verification Status Code				✓	
Financial Awareness Counseling				✓	

Modifications to Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
MPN Status Code of 'E'				✓	
Change on Declined PLUS Loans				✓	
Leading Zeros on XML response files	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Address Tags on PLUS Originations				✓	
End Grad. and Prof. Students' DL Sub. Eligibility				✓	
End Eligibility for Upfront Interest Rebates				✓	
Pell LEU Changes to 600% & Edits 177/178	✓				

Removals from Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
Edit 181				✓	
Edit 182				✓	

Additions to COD for 2012-2013

Enrollment School Code

In March 2012, the COD System will begin accepting the <EnrollmentSchoolCode> field on all disbursements for the 2012-2013 Award Year and forward. The <EnrollmentSchoolCode> field will be required for all new disbursements for all program (Pell, Direct Loan and TEACH) types.

Graduate Student Eligibility Override

The <graduatestudenteligibilityoverride> tag has been added to the COD 3.0e schema. Although this tag is currently included in the published schema, there are not currently any plans to utilize the tag in the immediate future.

Verification Status Code

The <verificationstatuscode> tag has been added to the Direct Loan Award blocks. Although this tag is currently included in the published schema, there are not currently any plans to utilize the tag for Direct Loan processing in the immediate future. Note: schools should continue to use the tags for the Pell Grant program as they currently do today.

Financial Awareness Counseling

StudentLoans.gov will be enhanced to add a new counseling process and supporting functionality. A new Financial Awareness Counseling flow will be added to the StudentLoans.gov site to provide borrowers with relevant financial information and instruction on managing their student loans. Responses will be sent to schools when borrowers complete Financial Awareness Counseling and schools will have the ability to opt into how to receive these responses.

Note: The Counseling Type tag will be populated with 'StudentLoansCounseling' (without spaces) in the response when Financial Awareness Counseling is completed.

Modifications to COD for 2012-2013

MPN Status Code of 'E'

Beginning in March 2012, for Direct PLUS Loans for Award Years 2012-2013 and forward, the COD system will send a new value of 'E' in the <MPNStatusCode> field if the Direct PLUS Loan has been endorsed. The MPN Status Code of 'E' will be sent within system generated MPN acknowledgements and Common Record responses when an endorsed PLUS Loan for the 2012-2013 Award Year and forward links to an MPN.

Note: A value of 'I' will continue to be returned within the <MPNStatusCode> element for PLUS Loans for award years 2011-2012 and prior, when the award is endorsed and has linked to an MPN.

Change for Declined/Pending PLUS Loans

Beginning in 2012-2013, schools may perform PLUS borrower identifier changes for PLUS loans with pending or declined credit. In order to complete the identifier change, you must submit the new PLUS borrower identifier values in the identifier change tags. Subsequent activity for that borrower, regardless of program type, must contain the new borrower identifier values in the identifier tags; do not submit the borrower identifier values in the borrower change tags for subsequent activity.

Note: The first loan should be submitted to change the borrower's identifiers and then the subsequent loans should be sent in a separate batch.

For example, SSN 111-11-1111 has a Direct Loan Subsidized Loan and a PLUS loan with declined credit. The school submits SSN change tags on the PLUS Loan updating the SSN to 222-22-2222. On any subsequent activity for the PLUS Loan or the Direct Loan Subsidized Loan, the new SSN 222-22-2222 should be submitted in the SSN tag, NOT the change tag.

Note: for PLUS loans with accepted credit, the PLUS loan identifier changes will only be processed by the COD system if the PLUS loan amount and all disbursements have been reduced to zero or fully funded for 24 hours.

Leading Zeros on XML Response Files

Beginning in March 2012, the COD System will no longer include leading zeros on certain existing XML response fields. These fields include:

- Financial Award Number
- Total Eligibility Used (TEU)
- Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU)

- Disbursement Number
- Disbursement Sequence Number
- Previous Sequence Number
- DL Loan Information Award Key
- Award Key
- Counseling Sequence Number
- Application ID
- Previous Application ID

Address Tags on PLUS Originations

In order to originate Direct Loan PLUS Awards, schools must submit all borrower address tags in order to complete the required credit check processing. If all the required borrower address tags are not present, the record will reject with existing edit 021. Note: This is slightly different than processing change records on Direct Loan PLUS awards with denied credit.

End Graduate and Professional Students' Eligibility for Direct Loan Subsidized Loans

Beginning in July 2012, Graduate and Professional students will no longer be eligible to receive Direct Loan Subsidized awards with Award Year Begin Date on or after 7/1/2012. Graduate and Professional students will still be eligible for DL Subsidized loans if the loan period begin date is in the valid date range (prior to 7/1/2012).

End Eligibility for Upfront Interest Rebates

In April 2012, the COD System will begin processing the Interest Rebate Percentage as 0% for all new Direct Loan (DL) awards. This includes DL Subsidized (DLS), Unsubsidized (DLU), and PLUS (DLP) awards. The new Interest Rebate Percentage applies to all Award Years. The change will go into effect for DL awards with the Earliest Disbursement Date on or after 07/01/2012.

In July 2012, the COD System will add an EDD to all existing DL PLUS awards. This will allow the Interest Rebate Percentage to be changed on awards beginning with Release 11.1. All DLP awards will be updated, including those with accepted, pending, and declined credit checks. Any Direct Loan Origination Tool batch in draft status ('D') containing Direct Loan Subsidized, Unsubsidized, or PLUS award(s) with an EDD on or after 07/01/2012 will have the Interest Rebate Percentages updated to 0%. All disbursement level Net, Fee, and Rebate amounts for the impacted awards in these batches will be recalculated to account for the change in Interest Rebate Percentage.

Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU)

In July 2012, the Pell Grant duration of eligibility used will be reduced from 900% to 600%, the equivalent of 12 full-time semesters. The functionality which only calculates LEU for students who received their first actual disbursement in Award Year 2008-2009 will be retired as part of this modification. The new LEU limit of 600% will apply to all Pell recipients regardless of when they first began receiving Pell Grant funds.

Edit 177

Beginning in July 2012, the COD System will return edit 177 for students whose Lifetime Eligibility Used is within 450% and 600%

Edit 178

Beginning in July 2012, the COD System will return edit 178 for students whose Lifetime Eligibility Used has exceeded 600%

COD School Monitoring Report

The COD School Monitoring Report is currently sent via email. Beginning in July 2012, this report will be available on a weekly basis via a schools SAIG mailbox (preformatted text file) or via the COD Reporting website (pdf format). Although the COD School Monitoring Report will be generated weekly, if there is no data for the report on a given week, the report will not be sent to schools' SAIG mailboxes or made available the COD Reporting website.

Removals from COD 2012-2013

Edit 181

Beginning in March 2012, the COD System will no longer return edit 181 on Direct PLUS Loans.

Edit 182

Beginning in March 2012, the COD System will no longer return edit 182 on Direct PLUS Loans.

Coming Soon

The following functionality will be made available in COD in summer 2012. Additional detailed information will be available in a subsequent publication of the COD Technical Reference:

- Beginning in Summer 2012, graduate students will not be eligible for Direct Subsidized Loans if their loan period begins on or after July 1st, 2012.
- Beginning in Summer 2012, students will not be eligible for upfront interest rebates if their loans are first disbursed on or after July 1st, 2012.
- Beginning in July 2012, the COD System will allow authorized users to request Post Deadline/ Extended Processing for Direct Loans via the Request Post Deadline/ Extended Processing webpage as they currently do for the Grant Programs. The COD System will also enhance the TEACH grant extended processing authorization functionality to match all other programs. For all programs including Pell, ACG, SMART, TEACH and Direct Loans, the COD system will automate granting Post Deadline/Extended Processing for all award years that have not been completely closed in COD.